

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

ExxonMobil Chemical Company, Mont Belvieu Plastics Plant

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED PERMIT AND PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT OF PROPOSED CLEAN AIR ACT GREENHOUSE GAS PREVENTION OF
SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION PRECONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Public Comment Period July 17, 2013 – August 16, 2013

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides notice of and requests public comment on the EPA's proposed action relating to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit application for the ExxonMobil Mont Belvieu Plastics Plant. EPA is issuing notice of a draft PSD permit for the ExxonMobil facility in accordance with the PSD regulation (40 CFR 52.21) that if finalized would regulate the greenhouse gas (GHG) air pollutant emissions associated with the project to construct a new polyethylene unit. The installation of the new equipment will occur at the existing facility, which is located at the following address: 13330 Hatcherville Road, Mont Belvieu, TX 77580.

Under the provision of 40 CFR 52.21 (except paragraph (a)(1)), EPA Region 6 implements a GHG PSD Federal Implementation plan for Texas. *See 40 CFR 52.2305*. As the project will result in increased greenhouse gas emissions for a facility described at 40 CFR 52.21(b)(49)(iv), EPA concludes that ExxonMobil's application is subject to PSD review for the pollutant GHGs. The proposed project will consist of the construction of three flameless thermal oxidizers, a regenerative thermal oxidizer, a multi-point ground flare, two boilers, analyzers, storage tank, and cooling tower.

Any interested individual may submit written comments on EPA's proposed PSD permit for the ExxonMobil project. All comments must be received in writing by August 16, 2013 or postmarked by August 16, 2013 to Aimee Wilson at one of the following addresses:

EPA Contact: Aimee Wilson

Phone Number: (214) 665-7596

E-mail: wilson.aimee@epa.gov

U.S. Mail: Aimee Wilson
Air Permits Section (6PD-R)
U.S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202

EPA will respond to and consider all comments in making the final decision regarding the issuance of the permit. Similar comments may be grouped together in the response, and the EPA will not respond to individual commenters directly.

Additionally, all comments will be included in the public docket without change, and may be made available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Thus, CBI or other protected information should be clearly identified as such, and should not be submitted through email. Any emails sent directly to the EPA will capture your email address automatically, which will then be included as a part of the public comment. *Please note that an email or postal address must be provided with your comments if you wish to receive responses to comments submitted during the public comment period and direct notification of EPA's final decision regarding the permit.*

An extension of the 30-day comment period may be granted if the request for an extension adequately demonstrates why additional time is required to prepare comments.

Public Hearing: If EPA determines that there is a significant amount of public interest in the draft permit, the EPA has the right to hold a public hearing. Any requests for a public hearing must be received by the EPA either by email or mail by August 12, 2013, and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Attendance at the public hearing is not required in order to submit written comments. *If the EPA determines that there is significant public interest*, a public hearing will be held on August 21, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following location:

Senior's Hall: Dining Hall
11607 Eagle Drive
Mont Belvieu, TX 77580
(281) 576-2413

If a public hearing is held, the public comment period shall automatically be extended to the close of the public hearing. EPA has the right to cancel a public hearing if no request for a public hearing is received by August 12, 2013 or EPA determines that there is not significant interest. *If the hearing is cancelled*, EPA will post an announcement of the cancellation by August 14, 2013 on EPA's website <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r6/Apermit.nsf/AirP>. Individuals may also call the EPA at the above contact number to determine if the public hearing has been cancelled.

Permit Documents: EPA's draft permit, EPA's preliminary determination and statement of basis, ExxonMobil's permit application and supporting documentation, and comments received from the public, other government agencies, and the applicant during the public comment period become part of the administrative record. The public can access the administrative record at the following locations (please call in advance for available viewing times):

West Chambers Branch Library
10616 Eagle Drive
Mont Belvieu, TX 77580
Phone: 281-576-2245

EPA Region 6 Office

1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200

Dallas, TX 75202

Phone: 214-665-7200

Final Determination: A final decision to issue a permit or to deny the application for a permit shall be made after all comments have been considered. Notice of the final decision shall be sent to each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision, provided EPA has adequate contact information.